



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for February 10- February 23

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Walter Kopf, Ellen Milne, Darrell Neves, Janice Taschner & Ken Whitmyer.
- † Friends and family—
Harriet, Michael Bennett, Todd Barriklow, Bill Baker, Carol Coyer, Kay Coker, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Brian Fent, Allyson, Heather, Erin, Al, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Emily, Rod Kaschner, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Meredith, Jeanne and Leonard, Johnathon Manitta family, Kiersten, Loretta Milne, Vicki Monroe & family, Patricia Rinehart, Bethany Robison, Karen Smiley, Jean Smith, Scott & Lisa Seeley, and the White family.
- † Our mission partner congregation—Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church
- † Those in military service—Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks, Landon Belanger Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.
- † Samaritas children who seek adoption. Pray for each to be adopted and for Jesus to be their lifelong friends

NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER

February 10: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Chrysy Bright and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Barton City, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

February 17: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Jennifer Michael and the congregation of St. Peter Lutheran Church of Battle Creek, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 10

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Book Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

Monday, February 11

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, February 12

- Noon Study in Pastor's office: All are welcome!
- 7:30 p.m. Series of Faith and Race at St. Paul Lutheran

Wednesday, February 13

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
- Euchre Games will be played before and after dinner*
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by Evangelism & Tech Committees
- 6:30 p.m. Book Study
- 6:30 p.m. Classes for pk-confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 14

Happy Birthday Pastor Ellen!!

Friday, February 15

Saturday, February 16

Sunday, February 17

- 9:00 a.m. No Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Art Project
- 11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

Monday, February 18

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 19
No Noon Study

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
Euchre Games will be played before and after dinner
5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by Bell Choir
6:30 p.m. Book Study
6:30 p.m. Classes for pk-confirmation
6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 21

Friday, February 22

Saturday, February 23

January 27, 2019

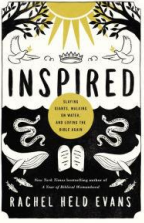
Year to Date as of 12/31/2018

Loose Cash	\$ 42.00
Loose Checks	\$
World Hunger	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
Youth	
Retreat	\$ 218.00
General Fund	\$2230.00
Parish House Project	\$ 100.00
Subtotal	\$2635.00
Total	<u>\$ 2635.00</u>

Income	\$297,545
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$311,203</u>
Net	\$ (13,658)

February 3, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 64.00
Loose Checks	\$ 50.00
World Hunger	\$ 29.50
Flowers	\$ 100.00
Youth	
Retreat	\$ 109.00
Pastor's Discretionary	<u>\$ 184.50</u>
Subtotal	\$3225.00
Simply Giving	
General	\$4046.00
Building	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7346.00</u>



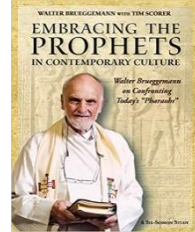
Book Study

Lois Neves is leading a book study on the book *“Inspired”* by Rachel Held Evans. This book study will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting was Wednesday, January 9th. Please feel free to join the book study at any time. Books can be purchased on Amazon or by contacting the church office.

Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture

by Walter Brueggemann

This six-session Video/Discussion Class will begin on Sunday morning, March 3, during the Sunday School hour at 9:00 AM in the library. Kim O’Brien will be leading this class.



In a series of six class sessions, Walter Brueggemann, arguably America’s leading Old Testament scholar and theologian, will take you on a wild ride through the poetic prophecy of the Hebrew Scriptures. He will identify cultural contexts, putting a framework to Israel’s history, and most significantly – and at times challengingly! – draw connections between Israel’s sociological, economic and spiritual status and that of America today.

Created in 2011, this series will lead you through questions like:

- What was the message of these remarkable poet-prophets in their own time and place?
- What is their message for us today?
- Who are today’s prophetic voices?
- How has the contemporary church been co-opted by culture?
- What steps can we take to reclaim the prophetic message of distributive justice, nonviolence, loss and hope?
- And, what is *your* role in bringing God’s perspective to today’s society?

Each session begins with a 10-15 minute video presentation by Walter Brueggemann, followed by filmed interaction with a diverse small group. Then, Kim O’Brien will lead you through a discussion of what you have learned.

Please consider signing up to participate in this very meaningful and enriching class experience as you go deeper in your faith journey. Add your name to the class sign-up sheet in the narthex so we are sure to have enough workbooks for everyone.

CONGREGATIONAL ART PROJECT – Local artist and art instructor, Elizabeth Wylegala, will be working with us this year to create and construct a congregational art project. EVERYONE, people of all ages, will be able to participate in creating this work of art. Elizabeth will join us, following worship, on the Sundays of **February 17, March 24, and April 28** as we begin work on this artistic venture. We will be creating something that shows how each of you live your faith in daily life. To prepare for this, please be thinking about the ways in which each of you live the gospel Good News as you go about your daily life within the context of the greater community. Come ready to share that information as we create a piece of art that will eventually hang in the entrance area of our facility.

Coming in March



March 1st-3rd: Grand Rapids, Mi

Marriage Retreat: Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Cost \$260/couple. Fee includes registration, lodging on Friday & Saturday night, Friday & Saturday night dinner and Saturday & Sunday morning breakfast. Contact Pastor Ellen with any questions.

Mark your calendars

The Faith Lutheran Youth groups are excited to host the annual Shrove Tuesday Dinner at Faith on **Tuesday, March 5th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



Ways you can help!

The Caring Committee is looking for people who would be interested in helping in some capacity. In the recent past, this committee mainly ran three food drives a year and the Sharing Tree. This helped many families in the community. We are looking to maybe add some other roles under this committee. The roles could involve volunteering time, making meals, or even just praying for others. If you have any interest could you please sign up at church or email me with your name, phone number and email address? After we get some names, we will try and meet and see what we can do or want to do. Thanks so much for consideration. Pam Williams & Lois Neves



**DRIVERS
NEEDED**



Drivers Needed

We are looking for drivers for Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. to take the boys from Parish House to Williamston High School. Driving is needed starting Tuesday, January 8th. If you are able please contact [Kim O'Brien](#). Many thanks

February:

- 10: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
 13: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
 17: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 20: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
 24: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
 27: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)

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DHATI LEWIS

“We need not just hang-out friends, but good friends who love, encourage, and challenge us”. -Dhati Lewis.

Looking forward to this study with your teen. 6-8 p.m. at Loves house.

Next Meeting: February 24th. Contact Katie for more information

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

March:

- 3: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
 5: 5:30-7:00 p.m. Shrove Dinner hosted by Youth Groups
 6: Ash Wednesday: No Wednesday Night Classes
 10: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
 13: **Confirmation Class hosts dinner**
 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
 17: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
 20: **Trinity Class hosts dinner**
 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
 24: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
 31: No Sunday School: Happy Spring Break!



Covenantal Restoration: A 12 session film series on faith and race
Faith Lutheran Church's RIC Team and St. Paul's Lutheran Church
join forces to learn about and address issues of race within our
culture.

Racism and oppression have a long and painful past and present, it is an open, aching human wound that reflects a fracture in our relationship with God. Understanding how it was promoted and is still alive and acting out in the construct of our beliefs and systems and structures is the beginning of caring for this wound.

In this series on faith and race we pray God would bring you hope, renew your mind, enliven your spirit, and gift you with the virtues of the Divine's own heart. May God strengthen your stand, inspire your movement towards God's dream for humanity, and increase Kingdom square footage with each step you make in Love.

This 12 session film series continues to be offered on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday throughout the coming year. Beginning at 7:30 on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month, a film will be shown at St. Paul's, and on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, another film will be shown at Faith Lutheran. This is a listing of the scheduled showings:

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2/12 – at St. Paul's – SESSION 8 //Covenantal Restoration with Terry LeBlanc

2/26 – at Faith Lutheran – SESSION 9 //Created for Abundant Life with Llewellyn MacMaster

3/12 – at St. Paul's – SESSION 10 //A Fuller Picture of God with Michael A. Mata

March 23 | 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lunch Provided
Free Will Offering

University Lutheran Church
1020 South Harrison Road
East Lansing, Michigan

For the Life of the World – Bonhoeffer & Ecology

Sponsored by
The NWLM Synod Publicly Engaged Church Table
and The Holle Speaker Series

Guest Presenter: Rev. Dr. Lisa Dahill

Workshops:
Samaritas – Refugee Resettlement
SEMI Synod - BRRICK (Building Racial Reconciliation in
Christ's Kingdom)
Interfaith Power & Light – Environmental Stewardship

Registration: Mittensynod.org

LENTEN *Schedule*

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday Services – Wednesday, March 6

12:00 Noon Service at Faith Lutheran followed by Soup Luncheon

7:00 PM Service at Haslett Community Church

This will be a combined service with the following churches participating: Okemos Presbyterian, Okemos Community, Faith Lutheran and Haslett Community Church. A joint choir will be singing at this service and the offering taken at this service will go to the Meridian Township Division for Human Services.

Weekly Wednesday Night Soup Suppers and Lenten Services

Beginning on Wednesday, March 13, we will again hold weekly Lenten services at Faith Lutheran. We will worship as we sing the music of Holden Evening Prayer and experience the poems and reflections of *Forty Days: A Journey Through the Desert of Lent*.

Maundy Thursday Service – April 18

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at Faith Lutheran, April 18

Good Friday Services – April 19

12:00 Noon Service at Okemos Community Church

This will be a combined service with the following churches participating: Okemos Presbyterian, Okemos Community, Faith Lutheran and Haslett Community Church. A joint choir will be singing at this service and the offering taken at this service will go to the local area food banks.

7:00 PM Service at Faith Lutheran Church

Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church will join us for this service as our choirs shares *Once Upon a Tree*, a musical version of Luke's account of Jesus' passion. Join us for this deeply meaningful experience.

WAYS TO GIVE



We have 3 convenient ways to Give to Faith Lutheran.
Please contact [Tom Schrote](#) if you have any questions.

1. **Offering Plate/envelopes** on Sunday mornings. Envelopes are available to use for Sunday morning offering. Please contact [Tom](#) if you would like them ordered for your family.
2. **Simply Giving**, your contributions are debited automatically from your checking or savings account on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. It works the same convenient way as your mortgage, utility, cell phone, or any other reoccurring bills you pay electronically from your bank account. Please contact [Tom](#) or [Katie](#) in the church office for an enrollment form.
3. **Newest Way to Pay: GIVE+ App.**: Supporting your church's mission is as easy as 1-2-3. With GivePlus Mobile your members and guests can express their generosity in the moment — right from the palm of their hand.
 1. **Download the app**
 2. **Find your church: Faith Lutheran Church, Meridian Township**
 3. **Give**